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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SY, US  
SUBJECT: CARTER/ASSAD MEETING IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 092309 AND 091477

1. SWISS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR GENEVA, ROBERT VIEUX, CALLED MISSION THIS MORNING TO ADVISE THAT A HIGH RANKING ADVANCE TEAM OF THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL VISIT GENEVA WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.
  2. SYRIAN TEAM WISHES TO VISIT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AND TO DISCUSS SECURITY AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO VIEUX, THE SYRIAN TEAM WILL BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE FINAL DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PREFERENCE FOR A LOCATION.
  3. IN THIS CONNECTION MISSION NOTES THAT STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THE SECOND TICK OF PARA 2, STATE 092309 IS INCORRECT IN THAT THERE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PRECISELY IDENTICAL SUITES ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF THE INTERCONTINENTAL. ONE IS SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE OTHER. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT EQUAL TREATMENT FOR THE
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SYRIANS COULD ONLY BE HANDLED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS: (A) GIVE THE SYRIANS FIRST CHOICE OF THE TWO SUITES ON THE 17TH FLOOR; (B) MOVE BOTH PRESIDENTIAL PARTIES TO THE 16TH FLOOR WHERE THERE ARE IDENTICAL SUITES; (C) PUT THE SYRIANS ON THE 17TH FLOOR AND TAKE THE 16TH FLOOR FOR OURSELVES WHICH WOULD STILL GIVE BOTH PRESIDENTS IDENTICAL SUITES. (THE MISSION BELIEVES

THAT OPTION C IS MUCH PREFERRED IN TERMS OF BOTH SECURITY AND FLEXIBILITY.)

4. INTERCONTINENTAL MANAGER WAS ALSO IN TOUCH WITH THE MISSION THIS MORNING TO ADVISE OF THE SYRIAN ADVANCE TEAM VISIT. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE SYRIAN ADVANCE TEAM WILL WANT TO BEGIN NAILING DOWN SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE COMMITMENTS WEDNESDAY AS WELL.

5. ALONG THE SAME LINES, VIEUX SUGGESTED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN THE SYRIAN ADVANCE TEAM AND A USG REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS. HE URGED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THAT WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT BY WEDNESDAY FULLY EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS. I SAID I WOULD RELAY THIS SUGGESTION TO WASHINGTON AND HOPED TO HAVE A REPLY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS, GENEVA TIME, TUESDAY MORNING.

6. ON SEPARATE MATTER, VIEUX EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT COULD BE COORDINATED WITH BERN AS WELL AS WITH DAMASCUS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE IN UNCLASSIFIED STATE 091477 THAT THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY HAS ALREADY RELEASED A SCHEDULE SHOWING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO GENEVA ON MAY 9, INCLUDING A COURTESY CALL ON THE SWISS PRESIDENT AND A MEETING WITH ASSAD. SO FAR THE MISSION HAS REFRAINED FROM CONFIRMING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO DO SO, WHICH HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION IN THE LOCAL PRESS SUCH AS THAT REPORTED IN BERN'S 1737. ARE WE TO ASSUME THAT THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE ON THE OVERALL SCHEDULE CONSTITUTES THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, OR WILL THERE BE A COORDINATED ANNOUNCEMENT WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AT SOME APPROPRIATE FUTURE DATE?

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS TUESDAY WHETHER A WASHINGTON ADVANCE MAN FULLY EMPOWERED TO MAKE COMMITMENTS CAN BE IN GENEVA FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY TO MEET WITH THE SYRIANS IF THEY SHOULD WISH TO DO SO, AND IN ANY EVENT TO MEET WITH THE SWISS AND FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER AN OFFICIAL JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT IS YET TO BE MADE. SORENSON

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